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The articles are too numerous to mention, but you cannot do better than drop into this department and have a look round. Our lines are the best that can be procured, having access to, and buying as we do from the best Houses in the Dominion. For example:

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We advertised this line last week and quite a few have gone out already. We still have some beauties and the price is right.

APPLES!

Jonathans
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Pippins
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and many others

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Friday and Saturday—Next Week:

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TOWN COUNCIL

The last regular meeting of the present Council held on Monday was featured by some very pertinent enquiries regarding the liability of the United Electric and Engineering Co. for the cost of coal supplied to the pumping station during the breakdown at the plant last spring.

Councillor Stiles asked for the complete return of the costs and argued that the company should be held responsible for the difference between the cost of electricity and coal and moved that the company be billed for the amount of \$799.72. Deputy-Mayor Skeritt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Stiles also enquired regarding the statements made that the Mayor had sanctioned the action of the mine operators in raising the price of coal. The Mayor replied that he had not given his approval of the proposed raise, but had advised Mr. Jamieson to put his case before the Council.

The Solicitors presented the agreement between the Council and the mine operators quoting the price as stated by the operators at \$3.50 per ton at the mine or \$4.00 per ton delivered for the town.

It was finally decided to appoint a committee to confer with the operators.

Cuba Stiles reported that his committee had made satisfactory arrangements for the care of Mrs. Ziellowski, and the Mayor stated that the Women's Institute had consented to assist in this matter.

Deputy-Mayor Skeritt enquired whether the Fire Hydrants had been tested and if so what was the result. The Mayor replied that they were all found in good order.

New Society Will Give Concert New Year's Day

An organization meeting of the Bassano Musical Society was held last night at the Presbyterian Church as a result of which it is hoped to provide a series of Concerts during the winter season, the first of which is to be held on the afternoon of New Year's Day.

Very few towns in the province can boast of a larger or better aggregation of artists than Bassano but owing to the absence of organization very little has been done during the past few years to develop the talent or provide for entertainments, and it is the aim of the society to fill this long-felt want.

The New Year Concert will be comprised of vocal and instrumental solo, duets and quartets, character sketches, elocutionary selections and choral numbers and will be an eye opener to most people as to the excellence and versatility of our local talent.

The society will hold regular meetings every Tuesday from the first week in January, and everyone is cordially invited to join. A knowledge of music is not a necessary qualification for membership and anyone who wishes to take part in the society may do so.

The officers elected were as follows: President, E. G. Allen; Vice-President, Oscar Daehler; Secretary-Treasurer, A. G. Bondi; Musical Director, Clad. Carney; Librarian, Mrs. M. G. Allen.

4th Ave. and 4th Street, and that this hydrant was being put into good condition.

The Council adjourned at 10:15 p.m. After a few preliminary remarks by Councillor Stiles.

Xmas Suggestions at Cash Prices

Celery	BAGGAGE	8 inch
Dish	Black Leather Club	Cut
in	Bags, reg. \$11.50	Glass
Cut	for - - - \$9.75	Berry
Glass	HAND SLEIGHS	Bowl
\$4.75	Reg. 1.25 for 1.00	\$4.75
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1.25 doz	the above.	to \$3.75
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from	Butter 1.25 each	Regular
\$1.75	Berry Spoons 3.00	\$11.00
to	3-Piece Carving Set	for
\$13.00	for - - - 13.00	\$9.75

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PUBLIC MEETING

To discuss School Board Affairs - Tuesday, December 23rd.

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C. F. DOOLEY

The Bassano Mail.

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Next Monday the ratepayers of
 Bassano will have to choose three
 of their representatives for Council
 and two for the School Board.

Because of its wider scope the
 election for Councillors is of the
 greatest interest and by reason of
 the character of the five candidates
 the contest promises to be one of
 the closest in the history of the
 town.

Each of the five men nominated
 are good in their own particular
 way and either three of the five
 could accomplish much good work.

We believe that the two retiring
 Councillors who are seeking re-
 election should be returned for they
 have both proven their merit dur-
 ing the difficult problems which
 have had to be met this year.

They are both exceptionally
 keen and above all they have been
 remarkably consistent.

Both A. T. Connolly and Geo.
 H. Travis have served on previous
 Councils and they are credited
 with much good work, while E. P.
 Currie has a reputation for straight,
 honest and exceptionally capable
 business management which, to-
 gether with his proved executive ability
 more than offsets his lack of Council
 experience.

The only question occupying the
 minds of the ratepayers who are
 interested is which three men can
 accomplish most to solve problems
 of retrenchment and sane, logical
 progression.

The two policies are not, as they
 might seem, contradictory for just
 as soon as the town gets down to
 a position where confidence can be
 restored in the minds of outside
 ratepayers (which has been noticed
 through the Council's actions last
 year) Bassano will then forge ahead
 rapidly.

The chief interest in the election
 of School Trustees centres round
 the fact that we have a lady candidate
 this year. As we have stated
 before, the school board is the
 legitimate sphere for women's en-
 deavors and there is little doubt
 that a lady trustee can add consid-
 erably to the usefulness of the
 School Board.

Mr. Struthers has been one of
 the most consistent and hardwork-
 ing members of the board and his
 re-election is considered certain.
 Mr. Robinson should also receive
 considerable support for he is keenly
 interested in children's welfare
 and should prove a good Trustee.

The election will be held on
 Monday Dec. 22nd, from ten a.m.
 to seven p.m., and the polling
 booth is at the Town Hall.

Considerable opposition may be
 expected to the proposed movement
 to obtain a Rural Municipal Dis-
 trict here.

A number of representative
 farmers from Majorville and Cree-
 foot have expressed their opposition
 to the scheme on the grounds that
 it is too expensive and scarcely
 necessary.

There is little doubt that the propo-
 sition will meet with a mixed re-
 ception everywhere and it might be
 an excellent plan for those who are
 behind the plan to arrange for a
 public meeting to discuss the pros
 and cons of the matter before tak-
 ing any decided action. Consider-
 able comment has been caused by
 the publication of the proposal and
 it is evident that interest is keen.
 We would suggest that a meeting be
 held early in the year when the matter
 could be thought out openly.

What Will Will pay. Very odd!

A Storm in A Teacup

The town has been agitated by
 the recent action of Principal
 Ogdenman in enforcing discipline
 among the High School pupils, and
 several of the parents whose children
 were disciplined, with more-
 over children were not concerned
 in the matter at all, have asked
 and obtained the consent of the
 Board for a discussion of the in-
 cident.

Unless those parents who,
 through their children, are per-
 sonally concerned have proof that
 the principal has been violent or per-
 sisted too severely in his methods of
 discipline, they are illadvised to
 align themselves against the staff,
 for the enforcement of strict disci-
 pline is absolutely essential if the
 pupils at the school are ever to be-
 come worthy men and women.

It must never be forgotten that
 the teachers are confronted with a
 task in the maintenance of order
 among their forty or more pupils
 each, which would drive the
 average parent to distraction and
 yet they have never been known to
 lose their self-control at any time.

The principal during his term
 has already won the affection of
 his pupils and it was the subject of
 a laudatory comment at the Annual
 Meeting of the School Board that
 the pupils in all grades were mak-
 ing most excellent progress under
 the new staff.

It is obvious that that far from
 creating a storm the principal and
 staff are to be highly commended for
 satisfactory results obtained by their
 methods of discipline.

We would urge those who are child-
 concerned in the matter to make the
 most careful enquiries before any steps
 are taken at the meeting which has
 been arranged for a full discussion of the in-
 cident, which might tend to under-
 mine discipline or authority of the teach-
 ing staff, for discipline is one of the
 most valuable lessons that the young
 mind can absorb.

There are many more invest-
 ments to be made than building
 houses in Bassano.

In fact there are few better in-
 vestments, provided these houses
 are built anywhere on the water
 and sewer line, for the demand for
 improved house property is always
 greater than the supply.

Many intending residents of
 Bassano have had to make their
 headquarters at Calgary or Medicine
 Hat simply because there is no
 house accommodation in town.

And yet in spite of this fact
 many owners of lots on the water
 line are paying taxes every year
 without the improvement their prop-
 erty and derive a sure revenue.

During the past month several
 pieces of property have changed
 hands and all of these have been
 sold for the simple reason that
 there was a house on the lot.

With the steadily increasing
 population of the town and the
 positive assurance of big develop-
 ments in the future, which is
 based upon the fact that Bassano
 is being used more and more as a
 distributing centre, it is a sure
 thing that next year will see as
 even greater demand for houses
 than has ever been experienced.

Under such conditions it is
 strange that more houses are not
 erected, for reports from every
 town and city in the Dominion
 agree that it is only by this method
 holders of unimproved property can
 dispose of their liabilities.

There is an unprecedented oppor-
 tunity in Bassano to-day for prop-
 erty owners to convert their liabil-
 ities into assets, for it is evident to
 any observer that the demand for
 modern houses is almost as great as
 was the demand for real estate in
 the rainy days of '11, '12 and '13.

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Every now and then we see tires thrown away that could easily be repaired so that they would give two or three times the mileage necessary to pay for the repair.

Even if the casing is weak it may not be necessary to scrap it. Maybe an inside tire protector can be cemented in and the casing may run until it is entirely worn through.

If you have tread cuts do not neglect them. Use your spare casing for a day and let us repair the cuts. This can be done for a trifling cost and it may save you a blow-out or a loosened tread. The constant contact with the road forces water and dirt into the cuts and in time the casing is ruined.

Get ready for Spring. Bring your tires to us at once and let us look them over. If you need new ones we can supply you as we carry all makes and sizes.

Yours very truly,

ROY SMITH.

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Duke of Devonshire's Christmas Message to the Boy Scouts of Canada

The question is often asked what will be the future of Canada, and the immediate reply is to consider the wonderful national assets of the country, and the saddest opportunities which it provides, but by far the greatest of all assets is the character of her citizens.

The history of Canada in peace and war is a record of continuous success, and it is for us in our generation to see that that record be proudly maintained.

One of our secret hopes lies in the Canadian boy of today.

He inherits a great tradition; he has the instincts and qualities which make British and Canadian citizenship what it is, and as a Boy Scout he has the opportunity of training himself to make the best use of these.

The year now drawing to a close has been eventful but we can look forward with ever increasing confidence and as Chief Scout I am glad to have the privilege of wishing every Scout a Happy Christmas and a most Prosperous New Year.

(Signed)
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Chief Scout.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims on the estate of the late John Alpin McMillan, who died on the 6th June, 1919, are required to file with the undersigned solicitor for the Administrator of the Estate by the 1st January, 1920, a full statement of such claims, with vouchers and other securities filed by them, and that after such date, the Administrator will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or brought to his knowledge.

Dated, the 2nd day of December 1919.
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Communications

The Editor, The Mail.

In your editorial columns last week you took occasion to notice certain statements of Bassano who have administered the Town's affairs during the past six months. The object of this letter was apparently to check any false statements made, as you say, either in ignorance or in bad faith.

Under such circumstances, it would seem fitting that you should state facts yourself and give whole truths instead of half truths before attempting to controvert the statements of others and especially before casting reflections upon a former officer of the Town.

As far as the present statement goes, I have no personal interest whatever and believe that, whichever three of the five candidates who are seeking Municipal honors, are elected, the Town will be well served. I cannot, however, allow the unwarranted aspersions which you have made fit to favour me with, past without reply.

I am not particularly concerned in what Mr. Carnegie had been paid or what has been paid to his several assistants. Whether or not Town work has gone value for the money paid is entirely a matter for the ratepayers to decide, but when you attempt to put the public to believe that it was necessary to pay \$200 for extra-help to catch up with back work begotten to the present Secretary by the predecessor, you are attempting to lead them to believe something that is an entire falsehood. I do not know whether you had the inclination through ignorance or malice to do so, but I do know this, that the work at the Town Hall when I left in April last was very much ahead of its usual schedule and very much ahead of the work of any other Municipality in the Province of Alberta.

As an instance of this, I only need to mention one item, namely, the Tax Roll for 1919. The Bassano Tax Roll was far in advance of all Tax Rolls mailed by March 20th this year whereas the usual time for getting this work out is during the months of July, August and September. Had this usual work been left for my successor, I do not know how he would have managed at all, if he was able to take care of what little routine work that was left on his hands when he retired, without assistance. In all probability the Voters' List for 1919, instead of being made up two months ahead of time, would have been six. No doubt there was some plan, which was might have been more up-to-date in the Town Office when Mr. Carnegie arrived at Bassano, but in any office at any time, wherever there was in this particular instance was far more than offset by the real heavy work of the year that had been done in advance and which Mr. Carnegie did not have to touch his hands to.

There is one thing that I have found out by actual experience and that is that a man cannot properly keep up with the work of a municipal office and at the same time be finally exercising his energies elsewhere. From information that has come to me from several very reliable sources this is a fact that might be well taken to heart by the present Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Bassano and might be a long way towards settling the uncertainty of the \$200 expenditure mentioned in your editorial.

While I have no intention of entering into a discussion of the Town's financial condition at all, there is one other matter referred to in your article to which I wish to say a few words. You insinuate the Council's economy in not economies without-improving the efficiency of the secretarial work. According to the statements submitted to the ratepayers the total cost of maintaining the Secretary's office and the legal expenses of the Town for the year will be approximately \$4,000. The proposed arrangements that were recommended by the Council for acceptance by the Finance Committee in March last, provided for the same service and the same amount of work at a total cost of not more than \$3,400. Under the circumstances, a casual ratepayer might be very surprised if he should wonder where the economy comes in.

I trust, Mr. Editor, you will grant me the courtesy of giving space for this letter in your next issue.

GEO. E. B. BORD,
Calgary, Dec. 8th, 1919.

We are very much surprised that Mr. Bond should, without making much effort, inquire charges up with attempting to make the ratepayers for far more have known that we had possession of the facts we published before our article was printed.

We are not at all sure that the ratepayers generally will attach any importance to the above letter but, in case any doubts should arise in any person's mind as to which of us is stating the truth of the matter we have obtained permission from the Council to print the attached report.

May 2nd, 1920.
To the Council and Members of the Finance Committee.
(Signed):
I repeat to repeat that I have found

several details of the routine of the work of the office very much better. Some of these details are, in my opinion, very essential. I refer in particular to the summation and balancing of the tax roll and to the sorting and filing of the duplicate tax returns.

In reference to the summation and balancing of the tax roll this is absolutely essential for a check on the tax returns and should have been done before the duplicate returns were sent out. Unfortunately I have found a considerable amount of errors in the tax returns. Not only so, but a few of these detecting the errors, but consider the work and inconvenience are entailed in correspondence with tax payers requesting a modification of short payments or returning overpayments. Had the tax rolls been added and balanced and the notices checked with the tax roll, then, so far as it is humanly possible, there should have been no errors.

In reference to the sorting and filing of the coupons this has not been done under certain 30-day or 40-day periods are marked coupons in the office bearing date of October 1919. It is therefore proposed to call what coupons have been paid and what have not been paid, or in other words, the balance of the coupon account cannot be accurately ascertained.

It would be impossible for me to undertake these arrears of work and keep up to date my current work which, therefore, must necessarily request your Committee that it recommend to the Council that I be granted clerical assistance until such time as these arrears have been cleared up.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES CARNEY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

That the Secretary-Treasurer's great temporary clerical assistance until such time as the arrears of work have been undertaken, at a rate of salary not exceeding \$17.50 per week.

M. L. SKERRITT,
Chairman.

We have interviewed the auditor, and he confirms the statement that this work was not finished by the previous secretary and states that the work, in his opinion, was necessary to prevent the frequent errors which have occurred in the tax notices.

We have also interviewed members of the Council who all state without reservation that their vote for extra clerical help was for the specific object of allowing the secretary to complete this work as fast as the thing line kept the current work up-to-date.

We think this should completely satisfy the ratepayers that our statement was not made in ignorance nor with malice, but in possession of the true facts, with the sole desire to present them to our readers.

If a statement of fact procured for by the Council and the auditor constitutes an aspersion we are sorry, but cannot withdraw one word of it.

We absolutely refuse to be drawn into any discussion regarding the present Secretary's ability for we do not consider that Mr. Bond is either justified or dignified in making innuendoes regarding his success.

Neither is it necessary for us to reply to Mr. Bond with regard to his further statements as to the possibility of a man serving two or more municipalities, further than to repeat that Mr. Bond did not learn his lesson earlier. We are sure Mr. Carnegie will, if he ever needs it, accept the advice in the letter he is now writing.

We are sure that only Mr. Bond could trace the connection between the Secretary's salary, (which appears to be the question at issue), and the ratepayers of the town, and we are rather sure we will leave the problem for him to unravel. En.

Editor, Bassano Mail.

Dear Sirs

I am informed that there are certain erroneous reports credited to me, regarding the Candidate for Council in our Municipal election, to be held on Dec. 22nd.

While I am not so egotistic, as to even feel that my personal opinion would carry much weight with the voters of this town, still I wish it to be understood, that, far from discrediting any of the candidate seeking election to the Council, I feel that the town is extremely fortunate in securing for nominees, five representative men of established business ability, every man of which, is capable of discharging all duties of a Councillor, honestly and fearlessly, if elected.

With such a ticket, as we have in the field this year, it is up to the voters, also, to take their proper interest in affairs, get out to the polls on Dec. 22nd and vote for the man whom they favor, feeling secure in the fact, that they have five worthy men to choose from.

Signed
O. C. WILSON.

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M. GRAY :o: BASSANO

Baffour Regrets U.S. Cannot Go On to a Finish

London.—Arthur J. Balfour, lord president of the council, in a speech in London on world reconstruction, said: "One of the greatest of our sins, and that they cannot go through with us to the end in this process of reconstruction. I am not going to criticize, because I think it out of place for any foreigner to criticize any foreign power, but it would be a very poor compliment to any American friends to say we regard with indifference the fact that they have not seen their way clear to carry their own co-operation with us in this work of international reconstruction to the end."

Mr. Balfour described the part the United States played in the war as noble and disinterested, with no thought of national ambition.

"We are grateful," he continued, "but I confess I had dreamed that a work so nobly begun would be effectively carried through."

Mr. Balfour expressed the belief that the future of the world would be assisted incalculably if the great

English-speaking nations worked together in the cause of liberty and peace. "I know, well in the cause of liberty and peace American co-operation will still be forthcoming," he said. "I know they are not going to abandon us as a nation, and that no party in the United States is going to abandon these great ideals."

The speaker said he was bound to admit, however, that it seems more than likely that "we cannot count on the full or direct action, which would make the assistance of the great American democracy of ten-fold value, should it be forthcoming."

"Therefore," Mr. Balfour went on, "it is, and I know that what I say will not be misunderstood by my American friends, even by those most convinced that the true interests of their country lie in the opposite direction to me, in feeling of deep regret that much of the common work between the two countries should come to an end before its full fruition could be enjoyed by the world at large."

Want Recognition Of Bolsheviks

British Unions Ask for Early Peace With Russia

London.—The trades union congress in session adopted a resolution calling upon the government to consider immediately peace overtures to the soviet government and raise the blockade between Russia and the outside world, and demanding "the right for an independent inquiry into political industrial and economical conditions in Russia."

The resolution also instructs the parliamentary committee to "specify a delegation to visit Russia."

Goos to Jail for a Friend

London.—Ratcliffe, who has his French comrade go down for ten days as a charge of intoxication, Sergeant James, a veteran of the war, who is in the same place. The request was granted.

Huge Sum Required For Military Use

Ottawa, Ont.—Though Canada is back to the basis of peace, it may be deemed necessary to spend as much as \$25,000,000 next year for military purposes. Estimates of the Military Department are now under preparation, and the total cost covers the anticipated outlay upon the militia.

It is an increase of \$13,000,000 compared with the ante-war period. The cost of materials, food, etc., is almost wholly blamed for it.

A report will be presented shortly as to the future of the Canadian militia, what units will be maintained and what ones discarded.

The carrying out of this plan will depend much upon the extent to which the graining knife is applied to the draft estimates when revised by the treasury board and the government.

Coal Strike Settled

Men Will Return at Once With Increase of 14 Per Cent. in Wages

Indianapolis.—The strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners of the country was settled here, when the general committee of the United Mineworkers of America agreed to accept the plan offered by President Wilson.

The plan provides that the miners shall return to work at once at an increase of 14 per cent. in wages, but a commission of three persons be appointed to investigate and determine within 60 days, if possible, a basis for a new wage agreement. The conference was made up of international and district officials and members of the executive board and scale committees of the organization.

German-Dutch Frontier Closed

Berlin.—The German-Dutch frontier has been closed to civilians.

Canadians Are Given Boulton Wood Site

Two Other Sites Also Presented for Memorial to Canadian

London.—Comte de Francoeurville, owner of Boulton Wood, has presented the site desired as a memorial to commemorate the gallant fighting to the Canadian people, according to Gen. Hughes, who is in charge of the erection of memorials in France and Belgium.

Gen. Hughes, who has just returned from the continent, states also that he is assured that the Belgian government is preparing to present the three sites chosen, as typifying in some small manner that the nation is grateful for Canada's sacrifices in the war. Full arrangements have been completed for the purchase of the three remaining sites in France.

Gen. Hughes is sailing to Canada on the Empress of France, and will report progress to his department. An office has been opened at Arras. The general will return in the spring to begin the construction of roads and Gen. Macmillan, he understands, the government is to open competition for designs.

Flight Between Australia and England

Captain Ross Smith Wins Prize of £10,000 for Successful Performance

Port Darwin, Australia.—Captain Ross Smith, the Australian aviator, has won the prize of £10,000, the winning the prize of ten thousand pounds sterling offered for the first aviator to make the voyage.

Under the conditions laid down by the Australian government when it offered a prize for making a flight from England to Australia, the distance of 11,000 miles had to be covered within 30 days. Captain Ross Smith left Hounslow, aviation field, near London, at 9 o'clock, November 12, on his flight to Australia. On November 18 he reached Cairo, and on November 19 continued his flight, reaching Delhi, India, on November 23. From there he continued east until he reached Rangoon, turning southward at that city, making a number of stops along the Malay Peninsula and in the islands of Oceania. He arrived at Bisma, on Sullivan Island, near Java, on the evening of December 7.

Port Darwin is near the northernmost tip of Australia, being near the town of Palmerston.

Sugar Crop

San Juan, Porto Rico.—Two Porto Rican central stations are now grinding cane, the sugar from which will be ready for shipment by December 15. The new sugar will retail locally at 16c a pound. The new crop is estimated at 478,000 tons, or 70,000 tons larger than the last crop.

Revolt, Estonia.—The Bolsheviks

have begun a new offensive on the Narva front. After terrible artillery fire assaults were delivered upon the Estonian positions. All the attacks were repulsed; the reports state, with heavy losses to the Bolshevik forces.

Profiteering Not So Bad as Claimed

Board of Commerce, However, Will Prosecute the Guilty

Ottawa.—The Board of Commerce has issued another written statement upon its policies, and it is as follows:

"The board is pleased to be able to observe as a result of its preliminary survey of business conditions, that, despite high prices undoubtedly prevailing, profiteering, so-called, is, in the taking of unjust profits, not, in the board's opinion, as common, nor nearly as common, as many have charged or claimed."

"Business is in the main sound and honest, and the board has a confident hope that business men will be at the board's right hand now in the immediate business—trading and purchasing those among them, according to the new business ethics of this era, who have dishonored their business."

The board further says that it has established an elaborate cost and price system. The board can and will try and prosecute guilty or innocent certain classes of offenders against the Combines and Fair Trading Act, and the board is confident that the board will welcome public especially municipal, co-operation, and that the board will not experience any difficulty in imposing the appropriate penalties.

Would Surrender To the Allies

Ex-Crown Prince Rupprecht Is Now Ready for Ratsification

Munich.—In a letter addressed to the president of the Bavarian Reichstag, former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, who commanded German armies in Belgium and France during the war, and who is in Switzerland, offers to surrender himself in response to the demands of the entente for the extradition of German army leaders, provided that his action will bring about the release of German prisoners in France.

The former crown prince says the demand for extradition, in view of the fact that the judge and prosecutor are considered "a mockery of every sense of justice." He volunteers, however, that if the entente insists upon the fulfillment of the extradition clause in the peace treaty before the German prisoners are released that he will present himself for extradition.

"Secret." Rights of the People

Toronto.—The Citizens' Liberty League, which was organized to fight the Ontario Temperance Act, in connection with the taking of the referendum last October, lent Col. H. A. C. Mackenzie, of Kinross, as its president, decided at its provincial convention here to become a political party. Its chief aim so far as Ontario politics may be concerned is to fight against "possible encroachments upon the sacred rights of the individual."

In proportion to its size, Belgium has more miles of railway than any other country.

Chancellor Says Austrian Nation Is Facing Starvation

Paris.—Austria must have help from the allies in order to save her from famine and bankruptcy, Chancellor Karl Renner, of the Austrian Republic, told the Associated Press, in explaining his presence in Paris, where he came to present to the supreme council the situation which, he declares, faces his country.

"When I left Vienna, we had only 9,000 tons of flour for 6,750,000 people, a supply of six days only," said Dr. Renner. "Children are dying of hunger and cold in Vienna and 85 per cent. of those between nine months and three years old are suffering with sickness. The loss of weight on the nursing mothers is serious, owing to lack of nutritious food. For this reason it is of the utmost importance that supplies go forward at once, even while we are in Paris awaiting the result of negotiations for credits, because weeks must pass before supplies ordered now can reach Austria."

"By help, I mean such assistance as will facilitate our task of keeping the nation alive and at the same time fulfilling our obligations to the allied powers."

"We are now paying thirty prices for everything we buy. That is to say, the crown has depreciated to one-thirtieth of its normal value. At the same time, we have exhausted our reserves in securities and have nothing left but the resources, which, according to Article 197 of the treaty of St. Germain, are mortgages to the allies for payment of reparations."

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Miners Repudiate Agreement

Peoria Sub-district No. 2 Refuses to Acknowledge Settlement of Strike

Peoria, Ill.—Miners of Peoria sub-district No. 2 repudiated the Indianapolis agreement for settling the nation-wide strike of miners at a meeting held here, according to a statement from the Illinois state board of miners. Eight thousand men are affected.

Sinn Fein Office Closed

Dublin.—An order has been issued under the defense of the realm act closing the Sinn Fein organization and its branch offices both of which are situated in Harcourt street.

Britain Will Ignore Drop in Exchange

Government Will Not Take Any Action in This Connection

London.—The British government does not propose taking any special measures in connection with the fall of American exchange beyond continuing its policy of withholding artificial support for borrowing abroad and doing everything possible to stimulate British export trade, according to Andrew Bonar Law, Lord Privy Seal and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a question.

"When the world is unable to understand a man it dubs him a crank."

Consider Protection Of Three Nations

Paris.—Premier Clemenceau's approach towards London, which will place him in the British capital at the same time with Foreign Minister Scialoja, of Italy, has given rise to speculation here of the possibility that questions of importance to Great Britain, France and Italy will be discussed there. These would have to do, it is suggested, with the taking of measures for the protection of the common interests of these three nations in question, in case the United States does not ratify the peace treaty or the League of Nations does not begin functioning shortly.

There is even talk of the possibility of the forming of an alliance with the object of securing the execution of the German treaty and at the same time subjecting on the League of Nations program.



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Local and Personal.

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Midnight Mass will be sung in the Catholic Church on Christmas Eve.

R. P. and Mrs. Robinson leave to-day for Iowa where they will spend the Xmas vacation.

The old Strange property has changed hands, the new possessor being Mr. Pigeon, Massey-Harris representative for the district.

Look out for details of a big local talent concert which is being arranged. The galaxy which will appear will surprise and delight the most blasé of our local critics.

There are only five more shopping days to Christmas. You will be able to get better service if you shop early than you will if you leave it till the last minute.

Don't forget the elections on Monday, for if you do not vote for the men you know to be the best for the job you will only have yourself to blame if the other fellow gets in.

As an earnest of the good work which the Women's Institute can do in the town, they have taken up the responsibility of relief work, and have already made good in this most excellent work.

J. C. McLellan, Currier of Milroy's popular saloon, left on Wednesday for Toronto where he will spend a short vacation. Mac has a taking personality and on his last trip east he took the Fla. We trust he will not take the small part on this trip.

The Presbyterian Sunday School Annual Christmas. Next statement will be held in the Church on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd at 8 o'clock. A varied program has been arranged, consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., with Santa Claus in attendance.

Nothing more dreadful than a beautiful shipwreck happened locally on the dawn of the 17th in spite of the fact that we rose early to see the much advertised big scrap amongst the planets.

It is rumored that a large number of citizens rose early yesterday expecting to see the planets take a poke at the sun, while quite a few more had their sheaves ready in case of emergency.

The Firemen's Annual Ball will be held on New Year's Eve. As everyone knows this is Bassano's Biggest Bet for a good time and as there are only a limited number of tickets to be sold we advise an early purchase.

A special Christmas service will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 21st, when the minister will speak on a subject appropriate for the occasion. Several items of music will be rendered at this service, including solos and a male quartette. You are invited to come and take part in the service at this festive season.

Most of the miners at the Town mine, we understand, have struck for higher wages stating that they cannot make a living on the present schedule. While we are not in a position to discuss this part of the question we would warn the miners that as soon as their price is boosted they will have to compete on more equal terms with the local dealers, who, by their superior service and accessibility have already a little the best of the argument.

E. H. MacComber hung up the huge score of 104 in a game of five pins the other night, and Billy Fairfax is offering a cash prize of 50 cents for the first man to beat it. Andy Mackie who finished 100 last year is busy calling his elbows and sharpening his eyes, while Bob McLean who is in a snout at the game, is doing so hour or two of Swedish every day. That old five-pin looks safe for a while but you never tell what's going to happen when you see the 104.

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